



**We will have success when a  
coordinated multidisciplinary response  
to victims of child abuse, sexual  
assault and family violence is the  
standard throughout Arizona**



# Multidisciplinary Team

- This is the foundation of an advocacy center. An MDT is a group of professionals who represent various disciplines and work collaboratively **from the point of report** to assure the most effective coordinated response possible for every child.

## Arizona State Population = 6,595,778

Updated May 2011



Indicates location of CAC

Accredited NCA Member (5)

Associate/Developing NCA Member (8)

Facility Based Non-Member (1)

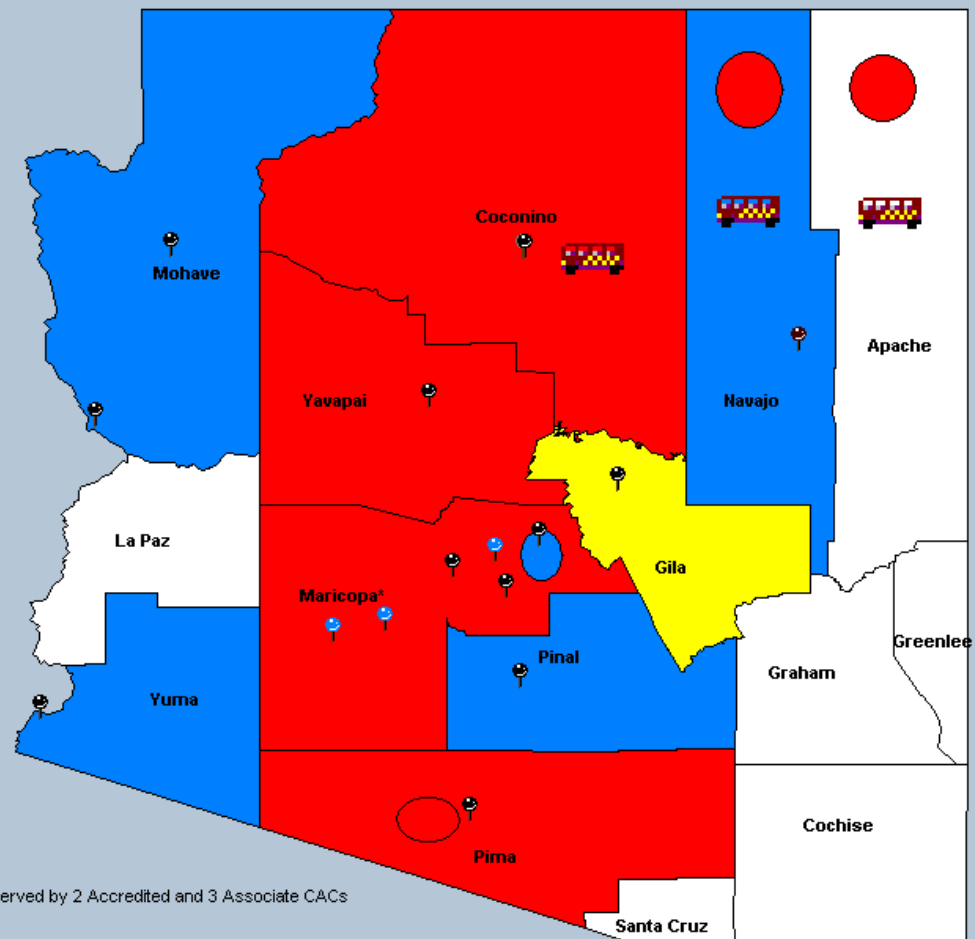
Unserved Counties (6)



Mobile CAC a partnership  
between Child Help USA  
and Safe Child Center.



Tribal Programs



\* Maricopa County is served by 2 Accredited and 3 Associate CACs

# National Children's Alliance (NCA) Standards

- MDT
- Cultural Competency & Diversity
- Forensic Interviews
- Victim Support & Advocacy
- Medical Evaluation
- Mental Health
- Case Review
- Case Tracking
- Organizational Capacity
- Child Focused Setting

# NCA National Partners

- National District Attorney's Association
- Department of the Army
- National Child Stress Network
- National Association of Social Workers
- National Center for Child Death Review
- Every Child Matters Education Fund

# Challenges

- **Support from Criminal Justice & CPS administrators**
- **Financial – support of professional groups and of the individual center.**
- **Lack of legislation**
- **Logistics**

# Strengths

- Current Legislation
- County Protocols
- Training
- We have all the pieces!



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